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BARRETT PLEASED WITH FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

Milwaukee – The U.S. Department of Labor today announced that Southeast Wisconsin would receive \$500,000 for planning and up to \$4.5 million for implementation under the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) initiative. The grant will be awarded to the Regional Workforce Alliance, the workforce development arm of the Milwaukee 7, a regional collaboration co-chaired by Mayor Barrett.

“You have heard me say it time and again – jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs,” said Mayor Barrett. “One of the single most important issues facing our city is the retention, attraction and expansion of employment opportunities in the Milwaukee area. We need family-supporting jobs for our residents and a workforce prepared to compete in an ever-changing global economy if we are to continue to be successful in building our competitive advantage as a region. This grant will go a long way in advancing our efforts.”

WIRED is a program launched by the Department of Labor to integrate economic and workforce development activities and demonstrate that talent development can drive economic transformation in regional economies throughout the country.

Mayor Barrett learned of the grant award this morning during a phone call with Emily DeRocco, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training at the Department of Labor.